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VIA EMAIL

Re: City of Janesville Jurisdiction Request for Commercial Electrical Permitting and Inspecting

Dear Londa Rusch,

The Department has reviewed your approved ordinance and I am pleased to inform you that your municipality has met all the requirements under the provisions of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 316.011(1) to exercise jurisdiction over the inspection of electrical wiring installations at farms, public buildings, places of employment, campgrounds, manufactured home communities, public marinas, piers, docks, or wharves and recreational vehicle parks.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 101.02 (5) and (15) and 101.82 (2m), the Department delegates your municipality the primary responsibility to perform commercial electrical permitting and inspecting for all installations under Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 316.012(1)(a) to be constructed within the limits of your municipality. An exception to this delegation is that our agency retains jurisdiction for permitting and inspecting for all state-owned buildings pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 13.48(13).

As a condition of the delegation, you are required to comply with the following:

- Maintain your municipality's registration as an inspection agency.
- Provide the Department with a copy of any revisions to your municipality's electrical ordinance.
- Employ or contract with certified commercial electrical inspectors or independent inspection agencies.
- Provide the Department with any changes to the names of its certified commercial electrical inspectors and independent inspection agencies employed or contracted by the municipality.

Please note the following items must be addressed in your ordinance:

- § 15.03.030 (A) specifies that it is unlawful to connect the equipment of a building or areas specified in Wis. Stat. § 101.875 without being issued a certificate of inspection by the Electrical Inspector. However, [Wis. Stat. § 101.875](#) does not specify buildings or areas to be inspected. [Wis. Stat. § 101.875](#) requires that all inspections of electrical wiring shall be performed by certified inspectors and that a municipality cannot require an electrical inspection of an existing industrial or manufacturing facility.
- § 15.03.030 (B) specifies that all electrical wiring and equipment shall be inspected before being covered or concealed. This requirement conflicts with [Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 316.013\(3\)\(c\)1](#).
- §§ 15.03.040 (A) and (A)(1) require that electrical permits be obtained by licensed electrical contractors or an individual employed to perform the work. In addition, § 15.03.040 (F) requires that permits be signed by the licensed electrical contractor and the licensed Master Electrician. Per [Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 316.012\(2\)](#), the permit applicant is not required to be the same individual that performs the work. Additionally, the individual performing the work may be exempt from licensing requirements in accordance with [Wis. Stat. § 101.862\(4\)](#).
- § 15.03.040 (D) specifies that the inspector be notified of emergency work the same day such work is started. Per [Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 316.012\(1\)\(b\)](#), the owner or their agent must submit a permit no later than the next business day after commencement of the installation.

If your municipality decides to relinquish jurisdiction, please follow the provisions of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 316.011(1)(c) by providing the Department with a 60-day notice prior to the day upon which your municipality intends to relinquish jurisdiction.

I understand that Robert G. Fahey will be the commercial electrical inspector responsible for enforcement and has the proper certification to do so.

Our electrical consultant for your area, Anthony Tadysak, at (262) 895-9078, is available to assist in any questions or concerns your municipality may have with implementing commercial permitting and inspecting services.

The Division of Industry Services looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. McNally Jr." in a cursive script.

Michael D. McNally Jr.
Section Chief, Electrical Program

cc: Garry Krause, Bureau Director, Technical Services Bureau
Anthony "Tony" Tadysak, Electrical Consultant, Technical Services Bureau
Tom Clippert, City of Janesville